

ELOUISE PEPION COBELL, et al.,
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 Plaintiffs,)
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 v.)
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 DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Secretary of the Interior,)
et al.,)
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 Defendants.)
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Case No. 1:96CV01285
 (Judge Robertson)

The Department of the Interior Office of Trust Records hereby submits its status report for activity in January 2007. A copy of the report is attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,
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I hereby certify that, on February 15, 2007 the foregoing *Notice of Filing of January 2007 Status Report by the Department of the Interior Office of Trust Records* was served by Electronic Case Filing, and on the following who is not registered for Electronic Case Filing, by facsimile:

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ACTIVITY REPORT
OFFICE OF TRUST RECORDS
January 1 - 31, 2007

PROGRAMMATIC:

- Labat-Anderson (Labat Indexing Project)

Labat reported that indexing of 1,052 boxes of inactive Indian records was completed in January 2007. The total number of boxes completed through January 2007 is approximately 152,725.

- Movement of Records

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Office of the Special Trustee (OST) moved 831 boxes of inactive records from various field locations to Lenexa, Kansas, for indexing and subsequent storage at the American Indian Records Repository (AIRR) during this reporting period.

- Site Assessments Statement

The Office of Trust Review and Audit (OTRA) did not issue any final records assessment reports during the month of January 2007. OTRA performed records assessments at Western Nevada Agency BIA offices and Colorado River Agency BIA and OST IIM offices.

- Records Training

OTR provided records management training for 60 BIA records contacts.

- Equipment

128 pieces of fireproof filing equipment were delivered to BIA, OST and Tribal offices in January 2007.

- Litigation Support and Research Requests

OTR continued to provide significant support to the Office of the Solicitor, Office of Historical Trust Accounting and its contractors, and the Department of Justice and its contractors. AIRR staff provided responses to 205 research requests from BIA, OST and other requesters.

ADMINISTRATIVE: General administrative activities continued.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS: None.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I express no opinion on the content of the Site Assessments Statement described above.



Ethel J. Abeita

I declare under penalty of perjury that the content of the Site Assessments Statement described above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I express no opinion on the contents of other sections/subsections of the report.



Jeff Lords

Director, Office of Trust Review and Audit